

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A portable message processing device distinct from devices used by a user for reading/writing messages, and which can be connected to different networks at different times based on a location of the user who is carrying the portable message processing device, comprising:

a recognition unit configured to recognize a particular network to which the portable message processing device is currently connected by the user;

a determination unit configured to determine communication methods for accessing a plurality of message servers distributed on a plurality of networks;

a memory configured to store messages in the portable message processing device;

a message collection unit configured to collect messages addressed to the user from the message servers on behalf of the devices used for reading/writing messages, using the communication methods determined by the determination unit, and to store the messages into the memory; and

a message transmission unit configured to transmit the messages stored in the memory, in response to a request for viewing the messages from another device connected to the particular network by the user;

wherein the another device is one of the devices used for reading/writing messages.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The portable message processing device of claim 1, further comprising a unit configured to store the messages, collected by the message collection unit and stored in the memory, into an external memory device, according to a condition specified by the user.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The message processing device of claim 2, further comprising a unit configured to delete the messages collected by the message collection unit and stored in the memory and the external memory device, according to another condition specified by the user.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The portable message processing device of claim 1, wherein the message transmission unit transmits the messages collected by the message collection unit and stored in the memory by processing the messages according to functions provided at said another device, upon receiving the request from said another device.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The portable message processing device of claim 1, wherein the recognition unit queries a network domain of the particular network, and the determination unit determines accessible message servers among the message servers and the communication methods for accessing the accessible message servers, according to the network domain.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The portable message processing device of claim 1, further comprising a notification unit configured to notify said another device of an address of the portable message processing device, as a voluntary advertisement inside the particular network or in response to an inquiry from said another device.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The portable message processing device of claim 1, wherein the message collection unit collects the messages by accessing the message servers via a radio communication device which is built-in inside the portable message processing device or externally connected to the portable message processing device, and stores the

messages into the memory in response to a user request entered from an input device associated with the portable message processing device, and

wherein the portable message processing device further comprises a display unit configured to display the messages stored in the memory on a display screen associated with the portable message processing device, in response to a user request entered from the input device.

Claim 8 (Withdrawn): A message processing device which can be connected to different networks at different times, comprising:

a notification unit configured to notify an address of the message processing device to another device connected to a particular network to which the message processing device is connected;

a first memory configured to store a transmission message entered from said another device, in response to a request from said another device;

a message server selection unit configured to specify a selected message server which is reachable to a destination of the transmission message; and

means for transferring the transmission message stored in the first memory to the selected message server specified by the message server selection unit.

Claim 9 (Withdrawn): A message processing system for carrying out message exchanges with a plurality of message servers, distributed on a plurality of networks, specified by a user of the message processing system, comprising:

a message processing device which can be connected to different networks at different times; and

another device connected to a particular network to which the message processing device is connected;

wherein the message processing device includes:

a notification unit configured to notify an address of the message processing device to said another device;

a first memory configured to store messages in the message processing device;

a message collection unit configured to collect messages addressed to the user by accessing the message servers according to information regarding communication methods for accessing the message servers from the particular network, and to store the messages into the first memory;

means for transmitting the messages stored in the first memory, in response to a request from said another device; and

means for transferring a transmission message having a destination message server which is reachable from the particular network, among transmission messages entered from said another device, in response to a request from said another device.

Claims 10-17 (Cancelled)

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The portable message processing device of Claim 1,

wherein the another device has an interface for viewing the messages, and

wherein the memory maintains the messages while and after the messages are viewed on the another device.

Claim 19 (Withdrawn): The message processing system of Claim 9,

wherein the another device has an interface for viewing the messages, and

wherein the first memory maintains the messages while and after the messages are viewed on the another device.

Claim 20 (Cancelled).